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June 25, 2017
The 12th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

The Grapevine



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Rev. Frank M. Uter..... Pastor
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Mike Chiappetta Permanent Deacon
Rudy Stahl Permanent Deacon

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil..... 4:00 p.m.
Sundays 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m.,
9:00 a.m. (MSH), 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.
Monday-Wednesday-Thursday-Friday .. 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday 6:00 pm followed by
Novena/Benediction
Holy Days..... As announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 5:30-5:45 p.m.
Friday..... 8:00-8:20 a.m.
Saturday..... 2:45-3:45 p.m.
Other times as announced or by appointment.

BAPTISMS: Notify Parish Office during pregnancy. Instruction for parents and godparents is required.

MARRIAGE: Contact the Parish Office at least six months before desired date.

PRAYER LINE: (confidential ministry)
Contact Ms. Pat Pastor at 664-1097.

CARE OF THE SICK: Emergency calls answered immediately. Home visitation for the sick and shut-in weekly and upon request. Hospital visits weekly and upon request.

CHRISTIAN BURIAL: Please make arrangements by calling the Parish Office.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION CHAPEL:

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week.
Contact Allison Renfrow at 665-1424.

Information or news for *The Grapevine* (published weekly) should be called in to the Parish Office at least two weeks prior to the event.



KC 6326 | Immaculate Conception Blood Drive

July 2, 2017, 8:00 am to 1:00 pm



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of Yourself**
Give Blood
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Free t-shirt to all donors



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Blood Donor Center

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Blood Donor Center
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Donors Should: Eat first,
Bring picture ID, Be 17
or above (16 w/parent
consent) and bring read-
ing glasses.

MISSION STATEMENT

Immaculate Conception Church Parish and the Mission of the Sacred Heart is a welcoming community, centered in the Eucharist, rooted in faith, growing in fellowship, and sharing in unity the mission Christ entrusted to us.

This Week at a Glance

Parish Life ♦ Upcoming Events

SATURDAY, JUNE 24

12:00 - 1:00 PM AA/Small Hall
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church

SUNDAY, JUNE 25

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 12:15 PM - 1:15 PM Baptisms/Church
 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM Altar Server Training/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church

MONDAY, JUNE 26

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC Summer Camp/ELC Rooms
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Soul Core/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM RCIA Team Meeting/Main Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC Summer Camp/ELC Rooms
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 5:30 PM - 6:00 PM Reconciliation/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass-Nov.-Bene./Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Encounter-Jr. High/Youth Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Men's Club/Small Hall

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC Summer Camp/ELC Rooms
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM ISM-High School/Youth Hall

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC Summer Camp/ELC Rooms
 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM Bible Timeline/FFC-211
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Summer Leisure/Main Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Boy Scouts/Pavilion

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

8:00 AM - 8:25 AM Reconciliation/Church
 9:15 AM - 2:00 PM ELC Summer Camp/ELC Rooms
 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM Mass/Church
 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM Charismatic Prayer/Small Hall

SATURDAY, JULY 1

12:00 PM - 1:00 PM AA Meeting/Small Hall
 2:45 PM - 3:45 PM Reconciliation/Church
 4:00 PM - 5:00 PM Mass/Church

SUNDAY, JULY 2

7:00 AM - 8:00 AM Mass/Church
 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Parish Blood Drive/Main Hall
 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM Mass-ICC/C; MSH
 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Mass/Church
 12:15 PM - 1:30 PM Baptisms/Church
 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM Mass/Church



**Give a PEACE
of Yourself**
Give Blood
CHALMERS GRANGES

**If Not You,
Then Who?**

It is now officially summer and that is a hard time for blood banks. Blood donations decrease because people are on vacations or have an increase in activities, but accidents, surgeries, and illnesses don't take a

vacation. On July 2, 2017 we will have our second blood drive of the year. The Blood Drive will be in the Main Hall from 8AM-1PM. This is a chance for you to help up to three people by donating a single unit of blood—about one hour of your time.

It is amazing that Immaculate Conception is one of the biggest churches in the Diocese but we have one of the lowest donation numbers. We can change that starting with you! Please prayerfully consider taking an hour on July 2nd to “love your neighbor as yourself” as Jesus admonished us to do in His Word. After all, if not you, then who?



“ALWAYS REMEMBER THIS: LIFE IS A JOURNEY. IT IS A PATH, A JOURNEY TO MEET JESUS AT THE END AND FOREVER.”

—POPE FRANCIS

Many of our ICC youth need help paying for the retreat. If it is on your heart to sponsor a youth in need of assistance to go on our retreat, please contact Gwen or Kevin in the Religious Ed office at 225-665-5926 Thank you.

Question of the Week

Matthew 10:26-33- Jesus counsels his disciples to have the courage to acknowledge their faith when faced with persecution. When have you been afraid to share your faith?

Consideration of our Christian Commitment: Ordinary Time

As we gather this Sunday for Eucharist we resume the Ordinary Time on Sundays which season will last until the First Sunday of Advent, December 3. We actually began Ordinary Time during the week on Monday, June 5, the day after Easter. It is a good time to walk with Jesus and his first disciples, listening to his teaching, witnessing his works and gaining courage and wisdom for our daily lives. It is a beautiful time, too beautiful to call "ordinary," but I imagine it is the ordinariness of the time that makes it such a good and graced time.

Today we heard St. Paul remind us that the sin of Adam has affected all of us - death entered the world. But Jesus has overcome death and his gift of the grace of salvation forgives the sin of Adam and our own sins and gives us new life - a sharing in the very life of God - a life that will continue beyond our death to this world. God's loving mercy goes far beyond the forgiveness we need. God gives us life unending. In light of God's gracious mercy, why do we become so obsessed with sin and not with grace?

Our faith in God's mercy can give us the courage and the strength needed to face the opposition and intimidation that disciples of Jesus are bound to experience. Jesus tells us: Fear no one - not even those who have the power to destroy our bodies in this life. The same Father who cares so lovingly for the little sparrows cares even more for us. Confidence can flow from our knowledge of God's loving providence for us - a confidence that will allow us to speak boldly about the ways of God and proclaim by the way we live that Jesus is Lord.

Like Jeremiah, we may experience the plotting of those around us. But we will know that the Lord is with us, like a mighty champion. We can put ourselves in God's hands and know that God will hold us safe. The challenge for each of us is our willingness to witness to Jesus' way of living each day, our willingness to sacrifice our own interests and concerns for His, our willingness to put our worries and anxieties about the difficulties of our daily life in Jesus' hands - and confidently live by the gift of God's gracious mercy shown to us in Jesus.

The challenge is great! And we might ask: "What about the reward?" "Anyone who acknowledges me before others, I will acknowledge before my Father in heaven." Can we ask for more? I think not.

A month ago we celebrated The Grill Is On for You. So much has been going on in the parish, I haven't been able to share much about it with those of you who weren't able to come. But we had a great turn out and served hot dogs and hamburgers, ice cream and funnel cakes to many from the

parish. It was wonderful walking to the pavilion after the 11:00 Eucharist and seeing the pavilion packed with



parishioners enjoying "fine dining" with us. I was able to pick up a hot dog with great chili and onions, walk around



and visit. It was great seeing both young and old enjoying themselves.

Simon and Margaret Pfiel, together with young Leo from Wisconsin would have won the prize for coming the farthest for their hamburgers. We

thank all those who prepared and served food, those who provided entertainment as well as games for young parishioners. We haven't set the date for next year yet, but when we do, we will let you know so you can mark your calendars.

Pictured below are our new parishioners who completed the RCIA journey and received their certificates of Baptism, Confirmation or Full Communion with us at the

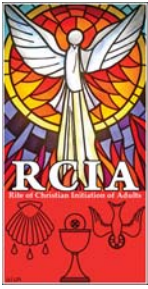


end of May. Our RCIA journey will resume with new Inquiry Sessions beginning on Thursday, August 10th. Between now

and then there are Adult Education gatherings to which all are invited on Thursday evenings. **For more information, please phone Tammy Jackson at 665-5359.** Let us keep one another in prayer, Love,

Parish Life ♦ Formation

Formation ♦ Youth ♦ Outreach



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

(Each week during the next few months, we will be sharing the R.C.I.A. experience and stories of our new Catholics who joined the Church this Easter, as well as comments from their sponsors).

"I got to watch my youngest daughter renew her faith. It had an effect on me that I was not expecting. I saw how far away from God I am. Her journey renewed my faith. I am proud of her and happy to be a part of her experience.

—Michael Langlois, father of Georgia Langlois

"My experience as first year sponsor and team member: it was exciting to watch and help my candidate grow and become excited as she became aware and understood our Catholic faith. I enjoyed our times outside of class talking, listening, and praying with her as I watched her fall in love with our Father. She now wants to be on the RCIA team next year. I was also blessed to work with such a great team; continuing to learn more, developing friendships, gaining their support. Honored and blessed to serve my parish giving purpose to my life." —Toni Matthews, Sponsor

Inquiry sessions begin again on Thursday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Hall. For more information, contact Tammy Jackson at 665-5359; tjackson@icc-msh.org.

Parish School of Religion News

PSR Registration for 2017/2018 is NOW taking place! You can register at the office Monday - Wednesday but call first, 665-5926. You may also download forms online icc-msh.org or drop off forms at the church office with registration fee.

PSR Home School Students: All home school work must be turned in before your child can register for the next grade level. Please turn it in by July. You may turn in the home school work/books to the Faith Formation office or church office.

ATTENTION ALL MINISTRY CHAIRPERSONS



Please submit your calendars for July 2017 through July 2018 no later than Friday, June 30, 2017. You may bring your calendar to the church office or e-mail Elaine at elamath@icc-msh.org. Please include fundraisers for the year 2017-2018. Thank You!



Thursday Nights
7:00 p.m.
Small Hall

Summer Leisure Learning



Eucharist—June 29, July 6
Source & Summit of our Faith

Purgatory—July 13, July 20
A Biblical Reality

Relativism—July 27, August 3
What is Truth?

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Great News!



Immaculate Conception has been granted exclusive access to stream an episode from CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players directly on the parish website! Courtesy of a partnership between eCatholic and

Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire ministry, you are encouraged to visit icc-msh.org to view the free hour-long film on St. Francis of Assisi.

CATHOLICISM: The Pivotal Players is a multi-part film series that delves into the lives of figures who shaped the Church and changed the world. Check out the free episode today!

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- Go to formed.org
- Enter our parish code **D8RNTP** (case sensitive) on the homepage
- Create a personal account with your user name/email and password
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THIS WEEK'S SPOTLIGHT: Fathers are the link between

PURE FATHERHOOD
DEVIN SCHATZ



heaven and earth, and are intended to be an image of our Heavenly Father. Drawing on the examples of St. Joseph, Devin Schatz shows us how to become a father on earth like the Father in heaven. Devin is a husband, a father of five, and the co-founder of the Fathers of St. Joseph, an apostolate dedicated to the renewal of authentic fatherhood.

Parish Life ♦ Community

Worship ♦ Stewardship



June 24, 2017-
July 2, 2017

SATURDAY: 06/24/17

4:00 p.m. Joe Normand†; Sam Guzzardo†; Laurie Blair†; Rosalie Joubert†; Lindell Gill, Sr.†; Memory of Paula Roblin†; Kathy Alello†; Rose Collie Mangano†; Honor of Newman Roblin.

SUNDAY: 06/25/17

7:00 a.m. Lloyd deGeneres†; Mickie Todd†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†.
9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Jerry Valentine, Sr.†; Philip John Bilski†; Huynh Thi Hoa.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Joe Silvio, Jr.†; Dixon Family.
11:00 a.m. Jean Meyers†; Peter Lan Nguyen†; Ivy Roppolo†.
6:00 p.m. Parishioners.

MONDAY: 06/26/17

8:30 a.m. Paula Roblin†.

TUESDAY: 06/27/17

6:00 p.m. Alex Theriot, Jr.†.

WEDNESDAY: 06/28/17

8:30 a.m. Catherine Ardonne†.

THURSDAY: 06/29/17

8:30 a.m. Pham Thi Nay†.

FRIDAY: 06/30/17

8:30 a.m. Bill Collier†.

SATURDAY: 07/01/17

4:00 p.m. Sam Guzzardo†; W. H. Sr. & Trina Scott†; Rosalie Joubert†; Laurie Blair†; Mickie Todd†; Catherine Ardonne†; Rose Mary Millet†; Kathy Alello†; Joseph Canepa†; Deacon Collie J. Mangano†; Wilbert Schwander†; Vertie Young.

SUNDAY: 07/02/17

7:00 a.m. Parishioners.
9:00 a.m. Mary Guidry†; Jerry Valentine, Sr.†; W. H. Sr. & Trina Scott†; Deacon Collie J. Mangano†; Lillion Lipovsky†; Delmas Forbes, Sr.†; Donald Lavigne & Jeremy Berthelot†; Jerry Valentine, Sr.†; James Randy Richard†.
9:00 a.m. (MSH) Open Intention
11:00 a.m. Garrett H. Minard†; Jean Meyers†; Mary Dee Nguyen†; Ronald Fung†.
6:00 p.m. Open Intention.

CHURCH SANCTUARY LAMP:

06/25/17—07/01/17 burns for an **OPEN INTENTION.**

ADORATION CHAPEL LIGHT:

06/25/17—07/01/17 burns for an **OPEN INTENTION.**



We express our sympathy and prayers to Karen Maggio on the death of her husband, **NICK MAGGIO.**

REMINDER: The Anointing of the Sick is offered at the 4 p.m. Mass every first Saturday. Please call the Church Office at 665-5359 by Thursday, June 29, if you would like to receive this sacrament.

Stump the Deacon!

SECRETS REVEALED



In today's reading Jesus says: "Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known." Does that mean that at the end of the world everyone will know everything I have done, all my hidden secrets?

It is always dangerous to take one line out of the bible without looking at the other lines around it. In the next line Jesus says: "What you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops".

What he is telling us is to not be afraid to share our faith with others. What God has revealed to us in our lives we must share with others. This is the "New Evangelization" that popes have been talking about for the last 50 years. For some reason, Catholics seem to be embarrassed by our faith. Perhaps we are afraid of what people will think about us. Perhaps we feel we don't know enough about our faith to defend it. If our faith is important to us, it is important enough to learn more about it. If it has helped us in our lives, it is important enough to share with others, especially those we love and care about the most. If you want to be afraid of something, be afraid of the last line in today's gospel.

—Deacon Rudy Stahl

Got questions? e-mail deaconrudy@icc-msh.org!

June 17/18, 2017



Identified offertory givers:	\$ 19,273.25
Visitors/unidentified:	\$ 2,152.68
Easter:	\$ 5.00
Catholic Charities:	\$ 10.00
Total Collected:	\$ 21,440.93

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE
Actual Income: \$ 1,375,300.54

JULY 1, 2016 TO DATE
Actual Expense: \$ 1,375,300.54
 Surplus/Deficit \$ -90,875.55
 St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 155.00
 Building Maintenance: \$ 1,570.00
 Catholic Home Missions: \$ 5.00
 Peter's Pence: \$ 15.00



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Parish Life ♦ Community

SoulCORE

Everyone is invited to join us to pray the rosary and exercise with core strengthening, stretching, and full body movement. Our schedule is as follows:

Monday, June 26—6:30 p.m. (Joyful)
Wednesday, July 5—9:15 a.m. (Glorious)
Saturday, July 15—9:00 a.m. (Joyful)
Tuesday, July 18—9:15 a.m. (Sorrowful)
in the Small Hall.

Please bring an exercise mat. For more information, contact Amanda Milton at 225-938-5236 or email questions to amandamilton88@gmail.com or visit www.soulcore.com.



Worship ♦ Directory



Perpetual Adoration Chapel

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is NOW OPEN! Thanks be to God! We only have **five hours** to fill! Please continue to prayerfully consider an hour with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Twelve Biblical reasons for wanting to spend one hour with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament:

#12 of 12...Each moment you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament brings joy, pleasure, and delight to His Sacred Heart!

“My joy, my pleasure, my delight is to be with you.” (Prov. 8:31)

The following hours are still needed:

Thursday	Friday	Sunday
1:00-2:00 AM	8:00-9:00 PM	2:00-3:00 PM
2:00-3:00 AM	Saturday 1:00-2:00 PM	

You can contact Allison Renfrow at arenfrow05@bellsouth.net, call 665-1424 or you can call the church office at 665-5359.

Thank You from UNBOUND

I carried home with me fond memories of your beautiful parish community at Immaculate Conception. Most importantly, I returned home with 50 sponsorship forms meaning that there are that many more children, youth, and elderly who will have a brighter future and those sponsoring them will make new friends. Thank you for reaching out to others despite the hardships you endured, and many still endure, due to the flooding you experienced. My thanks to Fr. Frank for inviting UNBOUND to your parish and to all of you for your very gracious hospitality. If you didn't become a sponsor over the weekend but still wish to, you can do so by using the UNBOUND bulletin insert from my visit or by going online at UNBOUND.org. If you have any questions about UNBOUND that I can answer, please don't hesitate to contact me at aotearoa3@hotmail.com. Thank you on behalf of the newly sponsored and thanks for the great experience at Immaculate. Kudos to the choir. To all: continue to “make a difference.” Sincerely, Fr. Dave Noone

Readings for the week of 06/25/17

Sunday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 69:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35/Rom 5:12-15/Mt 10:26-33

Monday: Gn 12:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 18-20, 22/Mt 7:1-5

Tuesday: Gn 13:2, 5-18/Ps 15:2-4ab, 5/Mt 7:6, 12-14

Wednesday: Gn 15:1-12, 17-18/Ps 105:1-4, 6-9/Mt 7:15-20

Thursday: Vigil: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-5/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19

Day: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-9/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19

Friday: Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22/Ps 128:1-5/Mt 8:1-4

Saturday: Gn 18:1-15/Lk 1:46-50, 53-55/Mt 8:5-17

Next Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-19/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42

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